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THE FREMONT MINE DISASTROUS FIRE

A Correction of Unjust Criticism Concerning that Calamity.

The terrible tragedy in the Fremont mine by which eleven men lost their lives last week, will cause some people to remark that there should be more thorough inspection of mines, and greater precautions taken to protect the lives of the miners. We know but few of the particulars of this fatal accident, but from what we do know it appears that there was almost criminal carelessness on the part of some one. The lowering of the thirteen men into a burning shaft would seem to have been a preventable thing. Again, here is a mine that has been operated successfully for 50 years and yet its main works were 500 feet below the only connecting drift to a connecting shaft. Below the 600 foot level, the men were dependent on a single shaft for escape from any accident on the levels below.—Calaveras Prospect.

It is to be regretted that our cotemporary should publish the above unjust criticism, based upon misconception of the facts. The horror is a terrible ordeal to all concerned, without the added pain of misrepresentation. How the fire started will probably never be definitely known. The only supposition is that one of the miners had stuck his lighted candle in the timbers of the shaft, and left it burning during the lunch hour; that in this way the timbers of the shaft were ignited below the 1000 foot level. The mine is very dry, and the shaft timbers at certain points would readily burn. There were no surface indications at the time the men were lowered into the shaft that the mine was on fire—no smoke rising from the shaft to convey any intimation of danger. The men had only left the underground works—an hour before. Our cotemporary is mistaken when he says there was no connection with another shaft below the 500 foot level. The truth is, the shafts are connected at the 700 foot and 1300 foot levels, and we are informed that access from every part of the mine was available to either of these connecting drifts. It is impossible to guard against such careless actions of an individual employee, if this solution of the origin of the fire is correct.

It is reasonably certain that most if not all the men comprising that fatal skip load would have been saved, with the exercise of sober judgment and forethought in the presence of the peril. Two men escaped, and they were riding in the bottom of the skip, and therefore among the last to leave the cage. They climbed up to the 700 level, and groping in darkness made their way 800 feet to the Grover shaft. The way they traveled to safety was equally open to the others, provided of course they were not disabled by the disaster that befell the descending skip. Concerning what occurred among the men who were riding on top when they were first made aware of the fact that the shaft was on fire, there is but meager information. Naturally, when they were brought suddenly face to face with threatened death, each man acted on the impulse of the moment to insure his own safety. There was no concert of action; no consultation as to the best way to meet the emergency. From all that can be learned, there can be little doubt that had this course been pursued most, if not all the men, would have been saved.

The one thing especially that this calamity has brought to the front is the necessity of having some one on each skip charged with commanding authority during the process of hoisting or lowering into the mine. It would seem that while on the cage one man is equal to another in point of authority. If any thing happens there is no one in particular to assume command. At least this would seem to be the case with regard to the unfortunate victims of the Fremont disaster. The case is an unusual one, and probably nothing like it will occur again in a generation. For a shaft from which they had emerged only a brief space before to become a death trap during the time they were partaking of lunch, was never dreamed of, either by the men themselves or the management. Human foresight could not be expected to anticipate such a catastrophe. Experience is the stern

teacher in such cases. Perhaps no possible precaution in the way of selecting a captain over the descending men—one of their own number—would have avoided the sacrifice of life which occurred. Men are in a great measure uncontrollable in the presence of sudden danger. Still it would seem that every load of men lowered into or hoisted from a mine should have one aboard charged with supreme command, disobedience to whose orders should subject the individual to instant discharge. The captain of a ship may be no braver man than the individuals comprising his crew. But the very fact of his responsibility tends to make him careful and thoughtful, and when disaster is imminent, his duty to those in his charge is uppermost in his mind—their safety is paramount. He is not apt to become rattled or lose his presence of mind with this load of responsibility attached to him.

This characteristic of human nature was brought into strong relief in the case of this Fremont disaster. The conduct of the officers of the mine, as soon as the situation became known, was highly commendable. Superintendent Goodall not only did not hesitate to invade the danger zone, but led the way into the burning pit in his anxiety to save, if possible, the lives of the miners. The sense of personal danger was forgotten, or at least subservient to the task of trying to rescue those imprisoned by the fire.

In this connection, it is not out of place to say that the situation in which Superintendent Goodall was placed, after all hope of saving the men alive had to be abandoned, was the most delicate and trying imaginable. There were scores of relatives and friends about the shaft whose natural affection prompted them to cling to the hope that the imprisoned men might still be living, even long after those in charge were convinced that the case was a hopeless one. They would not believe the men were dead, until the physical fact was brought before them. This complicated an otherwise delicate matter. Mr. Goodall having charge of the property, his first duty was to rescue the men if possible. When this was no longer possible, his duty was to adopt such measures as would protect the property of the company, by extinguishing the fire. Two ways were open to accomplish this, namely, flooding the mine, or bulkheading the shafts so as to render the shafts air tight, thereby smothering the fire. To the adoption of either of these courses the affection of the relatives of the victims would naturally rebel. It is impossible to conceive of a more trying position.

Grand Jury.

The grand jury assembled in the court room yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. All the jurymen called were present except E. S. Barney, who was excused, and John R. Tregloan, who is not in the county. The following jurors were drawn to comprise the grand jury, the rest of the talesmen were excused:

B. Hammer, C. Giovannoni, H. C. Toop, Geo W. Easton, John E. Brown, P. Dwyer, Joseph Pigeon, D. C. Churchman, Geo. Woulsey, A. L. Stewart, Fred Rabb, John Raddatz, Walter Dent, R. H. Bagley, Emmet Gillick, Geo. Arnerich, John Barton, George A. Kirkwood, W. D. Amick. George Kirkwood was appointed foreman.

One to Have Electric Lights

For some time Wm. C. Snyder, the attorney, has been trying to make arrangements with the Lone and Eastern railroad for the use of their wire lines in lone so that he could supply the town with electric lights, but as yet he has been unable to get the desired contract with the people who now have the affairs of the company in charge, though everything is progressing very well. He has a contract with the business men and others to supply them with lights, so that all that is needed for the people of that town to have electricity, is the use of the wire over which it can be conveyed.

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Grand Jury Report.

Jackson, Amador co., Calif.
Dec. 12, 1907.
To the Hon. R. C. Rust—Judge of the superior court of Amador county.
We, the grand jury of Amador county, impanelled on the 12th day of December, 1907, beg leave to submit this as the report of our proceedings:

We, have in accordance with our instructions, visited the county hospital and find it kept in a neat and systematic manner.

We find 38 patients therein 32—men and 6 women.

We recommend that a patent toilet and bath room be erected for the superintendent's cottage, to be erected under the supervision of the superintendent.

We have visited the various county offices, and looked over, and examined their books and inquired into the general affairs of the county.

We find the books of the various offices kept in a neat and systematic manner.

We have counted the money in the county treasury and find \$49036.55 therein, which corresponds with the auditor's account.

We visited the county jail and find one prisoner confined therein.

We find the jail kept in a neat and healthy condition.

We have had no complaints presented, nor do we find any by inquiry, that require our consideration, and take it as evidence of faithful and conscientious work in the varied county departments.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. Woolsey, Foreman.
Geo. A. Kirkwood, secretary.

Church Notes.

Episcopal—
Jackson—Every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 10:30 a. m., and every 2d and 4th Sunday at 7:30.
Sutter Creek—Every 2d and 4th Sunday at 11 a. m., and every 1st and 3d Sunday at p. m.

On Sunday Dec. 15, services will be conducted as follows at the Methodist Episcopal church:
The pastor will preach in the morning on "A swarm of honey B's without stings," and in the evening on "Self conquest." Sunday school at 2 o'clock, prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

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Last Saturday evening the comic opera entitled "The Two Vagabonds," given for the benefit of the Episcopal church, was produced before a crowded house. The affair was in charge of Mr. Carlyle, who has put on other shows here. The play all the way through was a success, every one of the actors knowing their lines thoroughly. It was also a financial success, something around \$50 being cleared for the church. Two vagabonds had just escaped from prison, had fallen in with a Mrs Newrich and her crowd, and had taken themselves off as two barons. They had found a letter from the real baron to Mrs Newrich so that in a measure they could prove that they were the ones expected. But the baron turned up finally and the two vags were arrested by the soldiers, who were taken off by a number of girls. The drill work of the soldiers was the best possible.

Cast of characters as follows:
Mrs Newrich, Mrs Zumbiel.
Miss Newrich, Miss Phillips.
Fanchon, Miss Susan Laughton.
Captain Holmes N. G. C., Miss Agnes Newman.

Friends of Miss Newrich, Miss Cassinelli, Miss Janet Fennie, Miss Ethel LeMoin, Mrs Pembroke, Mrs Nettle, Mrs Kay, Mrs Penry, Miss Boardman.

Soldiers—Misses Ester Turner, Edna Palmer, Hazel Zumbiel, Violet Love, Annie Love, Olive Jackson, Thelma Kay, Amelia Holder, Luella Roberts, Hilda Sanguinetti, Glen Hambric, Lillian Gregor.
Jake landlord of hotel, Alex Ross.
Robert McCaire, Fred Carlyle; Jack Stropp, Ralph Bierce; the two vagabonds.
Lord Stoneybroke, Gilbert Voorbeis.
Pianist, Mrs Hedgpath.

Benefit Fund For Families.

Following is a complete report of the receipts and expenditures of the benefit given in Amador City by the Uniform Rank K. of P. for the families of the miners killed in the mine. The division of the proceeds will be left to a committee, who will look up the needs of each respective family. There are three families, two with five children, one of them being in Italy, and another of eight.

Jackson	\$124.25
Kennedy Mine	185.50
Sutter Creek	66.50
Ione	32.50
Gwin Mine and Paloma	75.25
Amador	155.00
Cash receipts at the door	32.00

Total cash receipts	\$671.00
Expenses	61.10

Net	\$609.90
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Continuation of Sale

On account of the unfavorable weather, and so as not to have customers and friends living at a distance put at a disadvantage, we will prolong our sale, heretofore announced by circular for this week, to cover the following additional five days, namely: Dec. 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st.

All lines of DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, BOOTS & SHOES, and HOLIDAY GOODS included in sale, special prices on shelf GROCERIES and HOUSEHOLD goods. Special prices given in circular hold good.

Bean guessing contest now open. Ends Xmas eve.

Every \$2.00 purchase of dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes and holiday goods, entitles one to a guess. \$4.00 worth to two guesses, and so on.

Three jars to be guessed at. Each one a different prize.

Nearest guesser of number of beans in jar 1 receives a cowhide suit case worth \$7.00.

Jar 2 gives the best guesser a beautiful 24 inch

Kestner doll, real hair and eyelashes. Value \$4.50

Jar 3 covers a silver cake basket. Value \$4.00

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In conclusion we wish to call special attention to the completeness of our Toy Department and general Holiday Goods, and the low prices we are selling these goods for, having lucky to buy at import figures.

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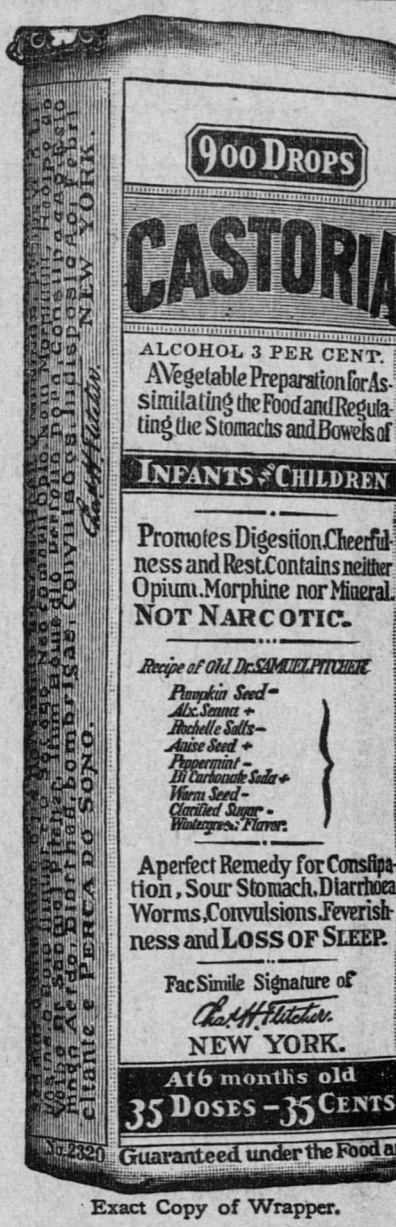
CITY OFFICIAL PAPER.

FRIDAY.....DECEMBER 13, 1907

FRENZIED FINANCE.

The failure of the California safe deposit and trust company has brought to light one of the worst instances of criminal bank wrecking that has occurred in the history of the state. Coming at a time of financial stringency, and with public confidence in banking institutions at a low ebb, makes it the more deplorable and far-reaching in its effect. And the bank commissioners, paid a liberal salary from the public treasury to keep posted on the methods and standing of such institutions, and clothed with ample authority to safeguard the interests of depositors, are as culpable as the bank managers themselves. They, whether wilfully or ignorantly it matters not, betrayed their trust. The methods pursued by the defunct concern for a long time prior to the collapse were such as to awaken suspicion in the mind of any man of ordinary business capacity that there was something amiss. The bank was making desperate efforts to increase its deposits, by offering as high as 4 per cent on ordinary savings deposits, which is considerably higher than other savings institutions in the city have been paying. It was simply a scheme to replenish its exhausted coffers by catching the unwary by promises of extravagantly high rates of interest. Evidently the sister banks of the city were aware of its shady transactions and unsound condition long before the final crash. When the run started no offer of assistance came from other banks, which would surely have been the case had they been satisfied that it was traveling in the pathway of safe financeering. To tender assistance in the event of a run on a solvent bank, born of a sudden and unreasonable scare among depositors, is a well-recognized principle in the world of finance. It is done for the protection of all, and not merely to help the one in temporary distress. It is better to stay a financial panic in its inception than to permit it to grow into whirlwind dimensions. But the rotten California safe deposit concern was allowed to sink without the slightest friendly intervention, no doubt for the reason that it was impossible to prop it up without incurring graver perils than were involved in its downfall. And the bank commissioners, who are paid to make themselves acquainted with the inside history of such monetary concerns, stood idly by and watched this striking example of frenzied finance work itself out to its inglorious end—the hands of a receiver. If the officers of the bank are worthy of stripes for criminal recklessness in squandering funds intrusted to their care, the state commissioners have earned prosecution in some shape for failure to grasp a situation that demanded decisive action on their part long ago.

Governor Sparks of Nevada is to be commended for his prompt action in calling for federal troops for the preservation of order in Goldfield. The strike ordered by the hot-heads of the Western Federation of Miners, ostensibly in protest of the payment of wages of its members in clearing-house certificate, has developed into a contest between the mine owners and the labor unions for supremacy in the conduct of the mines. Realizing the nature of the struggle, and the extreme measures that would likely be resorted to if the contending factions were permitted to fight out the quarrel alone, the governor had three hundred soldiers wearing the uniform of Uncle Sam quartered within easy distance of the camp before the turbulent spirits of the warring forces had time to organize a plan of campaign. The owners are determined to rid themselves of intolerant dictation of the labor organizations. They will run the mines on the open-shop plan, or keep them closed indefinitely. To enable them to have a square deal the federal forces have been called in to prevent violence and bloodshed. Martial law will be proclaimed at the first outbreak of violence. It is safe to say that the firebrands will hesitate to involve themselves in a trial of strength with the national troops. In painful contrast with the decisive stand of governor Sparks was the conduct of the California authorities in the recent strike of the street-car men. If one tithe of the same backbone had been displayed in that struggle what a lot of suffering, and loss of property and prestige would have been spared San Francisco. The "unwhipped mob," as general Funston dubbed them, would not have needed so many weary months of strife before quitting had the Sparks' plan been adopted in the first place instead of the weak, half-hearted course that was pursued.



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"The old fellow came to me and asked me to help him out," said Mr. Washington. "I went down to the little backwoods country church with him one Sunday. Incidentally I took occasion to inquire among the parishioners a little and found that they had not paid the old man his salary."
"Upon this basis of information I started in to admonish the members of the congregation. I told them that they should pay their pastor; that he had to live; that he had to have his salary."
"All in all, I was making a pretty good speech. I had most of the congregation convinced. I think."
"But there was one old fellow in the back of the church that was mumbling during my talk. He would snicker a little and duck his eyes below the old soft hat he held up to his face. 'We ain't goin' to pay 'im any more salary this year.'"
"The old fellow became so obstreperous that I remonstrated with him."
"Brother, why are you not going to pay your pastor any more salary this year?" I asked him.
"Because we done paid him for them same sermons last y'ar," was the decisive response."

How Prisoners Read.
"It is rather pathetic," said a prison chaplain, "the way our inmates read their surreptitious newspapers. It is bad for the poor fellows' eyes too."
"It is against the rule for them to read in their cells, and in the cell doors there are peepholes, to which the jailers come noiselessly, seeing that all the rules are enforced."
"The prisoner who simply must read pastes with a bit of porridge his journal up against his cell door beneath the peephole. He sits down on the floor a yard or two away and holds his dustpan in one hand and his brush in the other. In this awkward and wearisome position, his eyes nearly popping out of his head from strain, he reads away for dear life."
"And when the jailer's cold, hard eye peers in through the peephole it misses the paper and lights up with some faint approbation at the sight of the prisoner polishing up his floor."—New York Press.

The One Man.
A man who was summoned for beating his wife tried hard to put all the blame upon his mother-in-law and was chided by the bench for his lack of gallantry.
"Why should it always be the fashion for a man to malign his mother-in-law?" the magistrate remarked. "Is chivalry quite dead among us? I knew a man once who never spoke an unkind word to his mother-in-law, never blamed her in the least for his quarrels with his wife and never had the bad taste to complain about her to other people."
The wife beater stared open mouthed as he listened to the recital of the domestic paragon's virtues. Then he said: "Oh, yes, I've heard of that fellow before. His name was Adam."—London Globe.

Bee Comb.
Bee comb or beeswax, the material of which the honey cells in the beehive are composed, is a wax produced by a system of chemistry carried on in the "wax pockets" which are located in the abdomen of all working bees. It is a peculiar substance and is said to be analogous to the fats of higher animals. Originally it was supposed that this wax was taken up in an almost pure state from the flowers by the bees, but experiments carried on by the leading botanists and chemists of the world conclusively prove that the bee is capable of elaborating his peculiar wax, although confined to a diet purely saccharin in its nature.

Loves Pretty Way.
Billson—Whose pocketbook is that you are advertising for?
Jimson—My own, of course.
"Get out! 'Containing a roll of bank notes and a large number of checks. Finder can keep money if he will return papers.' Get out! You don't see a roll of bank notes or a check once a year."
"No, but Bertha Bullion's father takes the paper I advertised in, and he'll see that advertisement."
"Humph! Where did you get the money to pay for that big ad.?"
"Bertha lent it to me, bless the darling!"—London Answers.

He Explained.
The stranded automobilist was working over his car. Up came a sarcastic follower of the plow.
"How many horsepower is she?" he mirthfully inquired.
"Sixty," replied the automobilist.
"Then, by heck, why don't she go?"
"Because, my friend, thirty are pulling each way."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Fearfully Foxy.
"I work a foxy scheme on my boy. He'd rather wash the dishes than wash his hands, so I let him wash the dishes."
"What's the foxy part?"
"Why, he gets his hands clean."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Lucid Interval.
Doctor—Has your husband had any lucid intervals since I was here last?
"Well, this morning he kept shouting that you were an old fool, and he tried to break the medicine bottles."—Life.

A man should allow none but good impulses to stir his heart, and he should keep it free from any evil that may beat it down and harden it.—Rev. J. D. Hammond.

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From Near-by Counties.

Antone Wangle, who has for many years been employed by Stephen Leoni of Grizzly Flat, is suffering in a Sacramento hospital from a broke leg. The accident happened at the Leoni place near Clay station.—El Dorado Republican.

C. M. Richards bought a mill while in Volcano, Amador county, and this will be installed early next year on his big ledge of quartz and metallic slate on the outskirts of Sonora. G. W. Price has become associated with him in the mine. It is an immense remarkable property.—Independent.

H. F. Scott, Sierra station agent in Oakdale has resigned, and J. W. Ling has been appointed his successor. We understand Mr. Scott contemplates returning to Amador county, from whence he came, and engaging in the mercantile business.—Independent.

In the calamity last Saturday at the Fremont mine near Drytown, Amador county, Joseph Manley of Tuolumne county was one of the eleven men who lost their lives. Manley resided quite a while in this county, his home being at Soulsbyville. In the latter town he married Mrs. William Nicholls, a widow, sister of Mrs. John Fry. Mrs. Manley died about two years ago. Manley asked to be made executor of his dead wife's estate and letters of administration were granted him. A short time afterward he went away without even having the estate settled up, or advising F. P. Otis, his attorney, that he contemplated leaving. He never returned and the matter rests just where it did when he left. He was 52 years of age.—Union Democrat.

A basket ball game will be played at the high school grounds on Saturday afternoon, the 14th, between the Tuolumne High and Lone High teams. The latter has an excellent reputation, being considered one of the fastest in the interior of the state. The six players to come here for the contest, one being a substitute, are Clarence Carpenter, Carl Isaacs, Maurice Jones, Larkin Carpenter, Ralph McGee and Whitney Rust.—Democrat.

Sidney Kepford, of Lodi, 14 years of age, was charged with stealing a bicycle and forging a check for the sum of \$23.50 at Lodi. He was arrested while in the act of presenting the check. It was clearly shown that the boy could not be managed by his parents, and he was given seven years at the Lone School of Industry.—Lodi Sentinel.

A Wise Little Milliner.
"If I had insisted," said the milliner, "I could have sold her a hat that cost \$10 more, but I was afraid that if she took it I should lose her trade. I knew her husband wouldn't like it. It isn't the expense he would object to, but the hat. She is a countrywoman, and he is a countryman. Countrymen do not like New York hats—that is, hats of the exaggerated type. I never yet sold an extreme style to an out of town woman without losing her custom. The men at home always said, 'Well, if that's the best you can do in New York—come back with a scarecrow thing like that—you'd better buy your hats nearer home.' And thereafter that is just what the women do. That is why I now sell nothing but modest looking hats to country customers. I can't afford to antagonize their husbands."—New York Times.

A Mighty Rare Autograph.
There are an unlimited number and variety of the genus autograph collector. Some have the greivous fad of collecting all autographic matter relating to the assassins of our presidents. To be successful even in this limited range requires much careful research and great patience. The more inconspicuous and unknown the subjects chosen the more difficult the task of collecting. It may be said that it is an easier task to secure an authentic autograph of Napoleon Bonaparte or of Cromwell than one of the practically unknown murderer of President McKinley. The very obscurity from which the perpetrator temporarily emerged is hard to penetrate and therefore makes the securing of his autograph a difficult task.—Collector.

Tobacco as a Drug.
I know that many are of the opinion our northern simples are weak, imperfect, not so well concocted, of such force, as those in southern parts, not so fit to be used in physic, and will therefore fetch their drugs afar off—senna, cassia out of Egypt, rhubarb from Barbary, aloes from Socotra, turbit, agaric, mirbolanes, hermodactils from the East Indies; tobacco from the west.—Burton's "Anatomy of Melancholy."

Her Father.
"Mrs. Mudger seems to be so affected since her husband succeeded in getting money."
"Yes, she does appear to be afflicted a little in that way. I heard her referring yesterday to her father, who was a blacksmith, as one 'who used to be able to make such beautiful designs in wrought iron.'"—Chicago Record-Herald.

When Dead Men Ate.
In the medical press is a story of a man who believed that he was dead and who for that reason refused to take any nourishment. "How can the dead eat and drink?" he asked when food was pressed upon him. It was obvious that unless something were done to bring him to his senses the delusion must soon become actual—he would die of starvation. The strangest ruse was tried. Half a dozen attendants, draped in ghostly white, crept silently in single file into the room adjoining his and with the door open sat down where he could see them to a hearty meal. "Here, who are these people?" inquired the patient. "Dead men," answered the doctor. "What?" said the other. "Do dead men eat?" "To be sure they do, as you see for yourself," was the answer. "Well," said the corpse, "if that is so, I'll join them, for I'm starving." The spell was broken, and he sat down and ate like forty famished men.

Irish Sarcasm.
A happy and humorous example of sarcasm as apart from repartee is afforded by the following anecdote. I quote it on the authority of a friend, who, I am afraid, was the villain of the incident: A most imperturbable man was followed from Westmoreland street, Dublin, over the O'Connell bridge to the general postoffice by two little street arabs, who importuned him for the end of his cigar. "Throw us the butt, sir! Ah, sir, throw us the butt!" cried the youths, but as the man did not betray the slightest consciousness of their existence they gave him up at last in despair and disgust. "Arrah, let him alone," said one, with the most scorching scorn. "Shure, it's a butt he's picked up himself."

Happiness From Troubles.
Being human, happily or unhappily, we cannot deny the comfort to be found in the reflection, that misery never lacks the company it loves. We all have our troubles, and some of us derive much satisfaction from the contemplation of them. Indeed, there are those who are happy only when wretched, but these we believe to be as few in number as they are disagreeable in association. The vast majority of humans are normal and disposed, therefore, in conformity with natural law, to smile when the skies are clear and to grieve under the portent of clouds; hence the ease with which worry takes possession of the mind, colors the disposition and makes a cripple of effort. That causes abound we know and must admit, as we do almost unconsciously the certainty of death, but too little cognizance is taken of the fact that the effect of mere apprehension, which is all that worry really is, may be subjected to simple mental treatment and be overcome.—George Harvey in North American Review.

Vernet and the Veteran.
"When Horace Vernet, the great French painter of battle scenes, was at the height of his fame," said an artist, "when the prices he was getting were enormous, a grizzled old veteran came to him one day and said: 'I want you to make my picture to send home to my son. What, though, is your charge?'
"How much are you willing to pay?" said Vernet, smiling.
"A franc and a half," was the answer.
"Very good."
"And the artist, with a few quick strokes, dashed off a wonderful sketch of the old man.
"The old man paid, tucked the sketch under his arm and carried it out triumphantly to a comrade who awaited him outside.
"But I did wrong not to haggle a bit," Vernet overheard him say. 'I might have got it for a franc.'"

The Miracle of the Pelargonium.

By INA WRIGHT HANSON.

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We were at the Big Tree grove, little eastern bred Muriel, with pelargoniums at her slender waist, and I, a western writer. We had wandered through the inner grove, where the most mighty monarchs are—the Giant, General Sherman, Jumbo, the Sisters and others. We had reveled at the contrasts between trees 300 feet high and the cream cups and other sweet spring flowers nestling at their feet. Then we had gone through the gates into the outer forest and were sitting at the river's edge at the end of the



THE MIRACLE OF THE PELARGONIUM!

swinging bridge. The rest of the party stayed away. We were to have this little goodby hour apart.

"The Giant is 65 feet in circumference, 306 feet high and is estimated to be 3,000 years old," chanted Muriel in the words of the guide. "Or was it 5,000? Three thousand or 5,000? Oh, dear! Must I always refer to my notebook? Can I tell nothing without always referring to my notebook?" she demanded wildly.

I took the notebook from her.

"Your lips were not made for facts, dry as dust. They were made for—"

I had intended to say for poetry and romance. I truly had; but, chancing to look at those lips, so red, so daintily curved, so wondrously alluring, I said "kisses," and I proved my assertion. No man could have helped it.

Of course she was very angry. I suppose I would not have had her otherwise, but she did not spring to her feet and run from me.

"I will not apologize, for you know I want you so, Muriel," I pleaded.

She regarded me scornfully.

"As I have told you before, I will not mate with a dreamer. Why do you not go into the world and do some mighty work? Everybody!"

"Everybody works but father?" I interrupted politely.

Even with my heart sore I could never help laughing at Muriel and her fine talk of workers—little dainty wisp of a creature, born to be worshiped and cared for, but taking so serious a view of life!

"Would you have me a hodcarrier?" I asked. "As it is, I dream, and my dream makes a book, and the book brings some dollars, and the dollars make several things possible. If I were a hodcarrier it would mean simply dollars, though perhaps fewer of them. So the result is approximately the same, and you have no idea how much pleasanter it is to dream than to carry bricks."

"You are a trifle," she declared. "You ought to write a book which will make the world better."

"I am quite sure my books never hurt anybody's morals or manners," I insisted gently.

"Only a negative virtue," she responded. "The man I marry must be positive. He must look—"

She hesitated, gazing down at her Lady Washington flowers, which she had taken from her belt.

"How?" I asked, with some interest.

"I don't deny that I should be willing that he should look like you," she admitted, a fine color coming into her cheeks. "If only you would do something to make the world better!"

My mood had changed. I would plead no longer with this child. My mind went to the packet of letters I counted as among my treasures. They had come from different parts of the country after my first book had been launched. According to these, my mission was not a failure—my book, though a simple one, had made better at least a part of the world, but I would not tell Muriel this. I would not try to influence her in the least. I arose and held out my hand. In the distance the train was whistling.

"One thing remember, dear child," I said gravely, "and that is that love blazes its own paths and cuts its own channels. If it be written that you are for me you will marry me in good time. Love brooks no interference in its realm."

Her cheeks stormed into color as I helped her to her feet.

"Do you see this Lady Washington?" she demanded, holding the pelargonium before me. "See, I lay it in the hollow of this little big tree. There is dirt in the hollow, and the pelargonium may grow. Coming again, I may find that it has taken root. So may I become your wife. The one is as possible as the other."

So Muriel went back to the east with her schemes of philanthropy, and I stayed in my west to dream and then to write, but I found that dreaming had grown to be a weary task when the most beautiful one of them all was a forbidden one, for I had lost faith in my own brave avowal of love's omnipotence.

Nearly a year had gone before I visited the Big Tree grove again. I went alone and took my solitary way to the river where I had said goodby to my dream of dreams. A furious storm had wrought some havoc there. Two or three of the lesser trees had fallen, and the swinging bridge had been twisted and broken and thrown upon the bank, while the swollen river raged angrily by it.

At last I turned away from my sad retrospection. My eyes caught a glimpse of blue in the distance, and somehow I thought of Muriel's dress as it looked on that other day when she had not been kind. But just then I was joined by the guide, who was quite a friend of mine. He had discovered a new plant and was naturally quite enthusiastic over it, so I went into the inner grove to view the discovery. After I had left him I still had a half hour before train time, so I went back to the broken bridge.

Again were my eyes caught by the glimpse of blue, and I saw that a woman was kneeling before one of the little big trees.

"Each to her oak the bashful dryads shrink," I murmured. "If oaks could have dryads, why not redwoods?" I asked myself. But when she turned her head and looked at me I started toward her.

"Muriel!" I cried, yet still half believing that it was a beautiful vision.

But she sprang to her feet, her white face going pink and her tear wet eyes holding a sweetness I had never seen there before. She pointed toward the hollow of the tree.

"Look, Armand, the miracle of the pelargonium!"

There, in the little sifting of dirt, grew the Lady Washington, not very sturdily, but still it had rooted and was alive. Her words came back to me:

"I might leave this flower here and, coming again, find that it had taken root. So might I become your wife. The one is as possible as the other!"

I held out my arms. She hesitated, and her color deepened.

"Don't think me bold, Armand. I didn't come seeking you. My mother is not well, and I came with her. I came!"

"You came because the love god sent you, sweetheart," I finished for her. "Now, come the rest of the way to the arms which may never let you go again."

Shy in her love, pulsing with life, glowing with happiness, she came to me. My dream came true.

"The east and the west are met together," I said. "Now I think I can write the book which will make the world better."

"Don't begin it just yet," she whispered, with her soft cheek against mine. "Let the world wait till you have loved me awhile."

Short Names.

An English clergyman, Dr. Frederick Lee, had a prejudice against a long string of Christian names and held that if such names were proposed the clergyman should alter them at baptism whether the parents were willing or not. It was said of him that he christened all the boys Frederick after himself and all the girls Mary after the Virgin. The author of "The Life of Walter Pater" gives Dr. Lee's method of christening as follows:

"Name this child," he would say in his authoritative voice.

"Archibald Cholmondeley Constantine Ferdinand," perhaps the mother would whisper.

"Frederick," she would hear, to her amazement, and then would follow the formula of baptism.

In the vestry of course there would be objection.

"This child," Dr. Lee would reply, "will have to get his living in the world, and what do you want to handicap him with Archibald Campbell Cholmondeley and all the rest of them for? Anyhow, it's done now and can't be altered."

Better Unknown.

Into the yard of the great factory crept the ragged urchin, while the owner of the establishment watched him from the doorway.

Presently the urchin bent down and picked up a piece of string. This moved the heart of the merchant prince, and he stepped forward.

"My lad," he said, "I have a vacancy for an office boy at 10 shillings a week. If you like, I'll give you the job, for I'm sure you will be a nice, careful boy. I saw you pick up that string, and a boy who is careful in little things will be careful in big things. Is it a bargain?"

It was, but as the urchin sped home to tell his mother about his good fortune he muttered darkly:

"If he only knew that I picked up that string to fix a tin to his dog's tail!"—London Tit-Bits.

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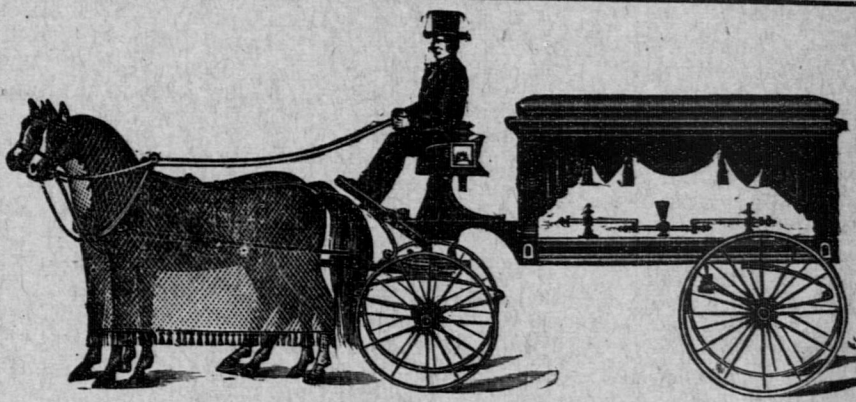
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LOCAL NEWS

Last Friday night the Two Vagabonds was given in Sutter Creek, but the expenses of the trip were just covered. The night was too stormy to expect much of a crowd out.

During the month of November only two persons declared their intention to become citizens, namely Giuseppe Ferrari, a native of Italy, and a resident of Amador City; and Peter Perlenda, native of Austria, and residing in Jackson.

Forty-two head of mules belonging to Charles Swift of Ione, arrived in town from Sonora Tuesday evening, and left the next morning for his ranch in Ione valley. They had been hauling lumber for one of the lumber companies, but on account of the heavy storms setting in had to quit. They left there Sunday morning, so that it took them three days to make the trip. Swift will put them to plowing on his land.

We are keeping right up to date with our Peerless planifter flour, getting a little better right along.

T. J. Bennetts in a new advertisement in this issue states that he is selling out everything in his store in Sutter Creek, at the very lowest prices for cash. The stock comprises a full line of groceries, tin, crockery, hardware, and notions. He recently went to Sacramento, and started there in the grocery business, so he finds that he cannot run the two places, so intends closing the store in Sutter Creek.

Miss Olive Glodfelty, who has been teaching at the Milligan school house, left Sunday morning for San Francisco, where she has secured a better position in the public schools. As yet Superintendent Greenhalgh has been unable to get a teacher to take her place so the school will remain closed until after the holidays.

Among the list of applicants before the appellate court of the third district meeting in Sacramento this week for admission to practice law in the courts of this state we find the name of Albert A. Molino, son of the late S. Molino of Middle Fork school district. He passed a successful examination, and is now a full-fledged attorney.

The ponderous piece of machinery for the shaft of the Electric plant, which was sent to San Francisco for repairs owing to the damage done by the wreck of three months ago, was shipped on its return trip from the foundry last week. It was found that it was out of the true line only a fraction of the 100 part of an inch. Of course, it had to be reduced to twice the amount of bend. Even this light bend would have been sufficient to cause trouble on account of the high speed and enormous weight of the machinery to be moved. By the time these lines are read, we presume the repaired shaft will again be on the ground at Electra.

Pioneer flour is the best; have no other.

The public schools of the county closed today for the holidays, and will remain so until the sixth of next month, which gives the teachers and pupils a vacation of a few days over three weeks. The Milligan school closed last Friday on account of the teacher leaving, so that they will have four weeks.

Miss Munger, who has held the position of special music teacher in the schools in Jackson and Sutter Creek districts has handed in her resignation to take effect today. It will doubtless be some time before the services of another teacher can be procured to take up her work.

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A Jackson Pioneer Passes Away

S. W. Bright, one of the oldest settlers and pioneer business men of this community, passed away at the home of Mrs. Yelland, beyond Newmansville, at about 11 o'clock Tuesday night, after a brief illness. He had been failing for a long time. Indeed, he never fully recovered from a severe sickness of over a year ago; although able to be around and attend to his business as usual. Recently he went to his ranch in the vicinity of Galt, where he kept a large flock of sheep. He was there a few days, and during that time sustained a heavy fall, which shook him up badly. He fell over a slight embankment not over 2 feet, alighting on his stomach. He was alone and lay helpless fully half an hour. It did not disable him, however, and he returned home in his buggy the middle of last week alone as was his custom. But he was far from being well, suffering from a cold as well as the fall. He went to the residence of Mrs. Yelland, and every thing was done for him that careful nursing could suggest. His ailment was deemed by himself of no serious character. His physician was not summoned until after he had been home several days, but simple remedies were applied. Failing to improve, Dr. Phillips was summoned Sunday last, and found him suffering from stomach trouble, largely the result of the fall. On Monday he appeared much improved, and also on Tuesday morning, so much so in fact that the physician thought it would not be necessary to see him that day. But about three o'clock that afternoon the doctor was hastily summoned, and found that a material change for the worse had occurred. Everything possible was done to rally him. The doctor remained for three hours, but the system failed to respond to any of the remedial methods. The physician realized that the end was near, and told his patient, who was perfectly conscious, to settle his business affairs, and send for any friends or relatives he wished to see. The dying man would not believe that he was so near to death, saying that he would arrange his affairs on the morrow if he felt no better. The doctor left, and about half past eight the same evening he was again hurriedly summoned. This was not unexpected, as to his practiced eye it was only a question of a few hours when he left him the same afternoon. He continued to fail rapidly and death came shortly after 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Bright was informed of his critical condition, but did not see him alive. Some three years ago Mr. Bright left his comfortable home on Pitt and Stump streets, and the husband and wife had lived apart since, Mrs. Bright occupying the homestead and Mr. Bright living at the Globe hotel when in town. Mrs. Bright felt the situation keenly. She was hardly prepared to believe that her life companion of over 40 years was about to pass away.

The remains were removed to the residence of Mrs. Bright on Wednesday afternoon, and the funeral took place to-day.

Deceased was a kind-hearted, upright citizen. He was not a member of any religious or fraternal organization. He was ever ready to extend a helping hand to the needy. He had his peculiarities of character, but the humane, and kindly side was strangely in the ascendant.

He leaves an estate variously estimated from \$30,000 to \$50,000. His sheep ranch in the lower county comprises several thousand head, running on leased land. His realty, comprising the slaughter-house ranch, partly within the city limits, is a valuable tract, upon which the Bright mine is located, which is a promising quartz prospect. He leaves no children. It is generally believed that he made no will. Besides his wife, the heirs are a nephew, a brother's child, Herbert Bright of Oakland, and relatives in the eastern states.

We take the following from his biographical sketch published some years ago:

He was born in Massachusetts, on the 27th of May, 1831, and is of English lineage. His grandfather, Jesse Bright, was a native of England and became the progenitor of the family in the United States. Mr. Bright was the eldest of six children, was educated in the public schools of his native town and there learned the two trades of shoemaking and butchering. In 1851 he took passage on the Philadelphia, bound for California, and by way of the isthmus route came to this state, landing at San Francisco on the 10th of December of that year. He made his way direct to Mokelumne Hill, and on the 20th of the same month began mining on his own account, but not meeting with the success he had anticipated, he turned his attention to the dairy business, owning twenty cows. He did the milking and then

sold the milk among the people of the locality, receiving three dollars a gallon. Corn meal was then the principal mill product that could be obtained, and twenty-five cents a pound was paid for it. Mr. Bright continued in the dairy business for two years, and then began butchering at West Point, in Sandy Gulch. It was a rich gulch, where many miners were engaged in the search for the precious metal, and he there conducted three shops, meeting with excellent success. He also became connected with mining interests, employing others, however, to do the practical work. In 1858 he sold his butchering business and for two years gave his attention to quartz-mining. In 1860 he came to Jackson where he purchased the meat market of the Wiley Brothers and for forty years he was the conductor of that shop, enjoying a large and profitable trade, selling to Geo. Thomas 10 years ago. He has a very wide acquaintance among the old settlers of this section of the state and has through long years supplied their tables with choice meats at reasonable prices. His honorable business methods and his earnest desire to please has secured for him a very liberal patronage and he derives therefrom a comfortable competence. He has been connected with mining interests from the time he located here and is still the owner of considerable mining stock. He has also made judicious investments in real estate and now owns a number of business blocks and dwellings in Jackson, being accounted one of the well-to-do citizens of the place. In 1862, when a disastrous fire swept over the town, his losses amounted to four thousand dollars, for he had no insurance upon his property. This did not discourage him, however, for with renewed effort he continued his work and soon regained all that he had lost. In December, 1861, Mr. Bright was united in marriage to Miss Martha T. Bradbury, a native of the state of Maine. They have lost their only child, a little son, who died at the age of ten months.

Passed to an Early Grave.

Miss Olive J. Scappuzi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Scappuzi, died at the home of her parents in this city on Sunday afternoon, at the age of 16 years, 8 months and 17 days. The immediate cause of death was an attack of pneumonia. She had, however, been in poor health for years, suffering from varicella trouble of the heart; and this organic ailment was no doubt responsible for her early demise. She leaves besides her aged parents several brothers and sisters to mourn her departure. The funeral took place Wednesday, services in the Catholic church, and interment in the local cemetery of that denomination.

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Rainfall.

A copious rain storm set in last Friday. During Friday night the rain descended in torrents for a while. On Tuesday, another heavy fall occurred, saturating the ground sufficient for plowing, and starting the grass, so that the hills begin to show a mantle of green. The rainfall since last report is as follows:

December 6	-	-	-	0.26
December 7	-	-	-	0.72
December 10	-	-	-	0.80
Total for week	-	-	-	1.73
Total for season to date	-	-	-	3.37
Same period last season	-	-	-	10.42

During the second week in December last year the rainfall amounted to 9.40 inches, by far the heaviest fall of any week during that unprecedentedly wet season. During one day the precipitation was 5.12 inches, beating all records since the Ledger office has kept the score.

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DOCUMENTS RECORDED.

[The following instruments have been filed for record in the recorder's office since our last report. We publish a complete list of documents recorded, and must decline to accede to any request to suppress any document from these columns. Don't ask us to do so.]

Deeds.—Georgina Full to Charles H. Fessier, a lot near Buena Vista, \$1. Agostino Arata to C. P. Vicini, 40 acres in 26-6-11, \$10.

Frances M. and E. Swain to M. Isaacs, 40 acres 19-6-10, \$250.

Satisfaction of Lien.—Joseph Hanson, Nick Quirolo, D. Depauli, Oscar Lester, John Sanguinetti, N. Facchini, Archie Truscott, J. A. McNaughton, L. Pacheco against Burlington Gold Mining Company.

Certificate of Redemption.—John Grey, \$3.44 delinquent taxes 1901 on two houses and lots in Oleta.

J. A. Currier, \$3.47 delinquent taxes of 1906 on 120 acres in 13-8-10.

J. F. Gregg \$10.25 delinquent taxes of 1899 on house and lot in Oleta.

Frank Notzel \$1.25 delinquent taxes of 1898 on lot in Oleta.

Patent.—U. S. to Agostino Arata, 40 acres in 26-6-11.

U. S. to Edwin M. Swain, 40 acres in 19-6-10.

Proof of Labor.—J. C. Deavers on American Flat Gravel mine in Oleta mining district.

Notice of Location.—Francesco Baimo, quartz claim in Jackson mining district.

Lease.—S. W. Bright to Alexander Eudey, a tract of land in 21-6-11, also tract known as Bright's addition to Jackson, for two and one-half years at \$100 a month.

Decree of Distribution.—Estate of Lorenzo G. Oneto, deceased.

Burglary and Robbery.

A daring burglary and robbery was perpetrated on Saturday evening last at the residence of James Harris on Broadway. The party who did the crime is thought to be well acquainted with the premises, and the place where the money and other valuables were kept. Mr. and Mrs. Harris attended the dramatic entertainment in Love's hall that evening, and the absence of the occupants was seized as the opportunity to enter and perpetrate the robbery. It was the custom of Mrs. Harris to leave what money was in the house in a tin cash box left standing on a bureau, which was also the repository for valuable papers, such as insurance policies, stock certificates, also a lady's gold watch. Fortunately she took the precaution this time to take with her the cash that was usually kept therein and also another and more valuable watch. The burglar entered through a window on the south side of the house, and made off with the box with whatever it contained. Upon returning from the show Mr. and Mrs. Harris were unaware that the premises had been burglarized until an hour or so after arriving home. When about to retire, it was noticed that the box was missing. The sheriff's office was notified and sheriff Gregory and deputy Connors were promptly on hand to investigate. The traces of the burglar, about the window were plainly discernable, but no other traces were left. The window was left unfastened, so that the intruder had merely to raise the sash to get in, closing it when he made his exit. There was nothing else disturbed about the house. The burglar seems to have made straight to the cash repository, and immediately left without searching for anything else. The papers in the stolen box, while valuable to the rightful owner, are of no use whatever to anyone else. They can be duplicated, although this may involve some expense. Instead of being of any use to the robber, they are in the nature of a white elephant on his hands. The lady's watch was the only article stolen that had any money value, and it would be a dangerous experiment to attempt to convert this into cash.

SUPERIOR COURT PROCEEDINGS

HON. R. C. RUST, JUDGE.

Estate of W. H. Russell.—Final account settled and allowed. W. Goings, R. I. Kerr and L. J. Glavinovich allowed \$5 each as appraisers.

Estate of Mary Thomsen.—Order of sale of real estate granted, being lots 28 and 29 in block 13 San Francisco.

Estate of John W. Wayland.—Decree that due notice to creditors has been given.

Estate of John W. Wayland.—Final account and petition for distribution filed.

Estate of A. C. Gooding.—Final account settled; total amount received by administrator \$2814.88; expenses \$929.85; balance in administrator's hands, \$1985.03. Decree of distribution granted as follows: one-sixth to James H., Joseph, William T., Samuel, Alexander, John and Andrew Hardister, of Ardmore, Missouri; one-sixth to Delina Calvert, and John W. Cochran, Washington; one-sixth to Joseph C. Chitwood, I. N. Chitwood, Mary Jane Churchman of Ione, and Samuel Chitwood, Missouri; one-sixth to Joseph A. Gooding, Camanche, and one-sixth to Mary Kidd, Ione.

Estate of Lorenzo G. Oneto.—Final account settled, and decree of distribution granted, one-half thereof to John A. Oneto and Lorenzo Oneto. The property in Italy to be subject to the courts of that kingdom for distribution. The property in this county consists of lands in the Middle fork district, and three lots in Jackson.

Louis Monteverdo vs. Mabel Monteverdo.—Place of trial changed to Alameda county.

Union Trust Company vs. Ione and Eastern Railroad.—Defendant granted 10 days from December 2nd in which to plead to complaint.

Alfred Bennet Gilbert vs. Emma Dutt Gilbert.—Service of summons by publication ordered.

New Cases.

Central Trust Company of San Francisco vs. W. A. Nevills, Delia Frances Nevills et al.—This is a suit of foreclosure against the mining property known as the Moore mine and adjacent mining ground, including what is known as the Little ranch, which, adjoins the city of Jackson on the south. The complaint recites that on April 1, 1904 the defendants executed two promissory notes in favor of plaintiff, one in the sum of \$10,000 and the other for \$15,500, payable one day after date and bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent, interest payable monthly, and if not so paid to be added to the principal, and bear interest at the same rate. Of the latter note the sum of \$11,193.48 has been paid. Of the first named note no part of the principal has been paid, but interest has been paid thereon up to January 31, 1907. On the 10th of September, 1902, executed a deed to Henry Bruner, as trustee of plaintiff, to all the property mentioned in complaint. Judgment is asked for \$14,306.52, and interest compounded, also for \$500 attorney fees. E. B. Young and F. A. Deneke of San Francisco, are attorneys for plaintiff.

Road Closed.

The road passing the Zeila mine will be closed from now until the bridge and fill are completed, which will probably be some time. As yet none of the steel is on the ground and doubtless will not be until after the fill is finished, which would be about fifty days with the weather favorable. Teams will now have to turn off at the Broadway hotel and take the south Jackson road, coming out onto the county road a short distance from Driscoll's.

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AUKUM.

Dec. 9.—In your issue the Ledger of Nov. 29th, you mention that Amador county has had her share of tragedies. It is a noteworthy fact that Amador county has not had a neck-stretching since so long ago that I don't distinctly remember. It was I think in 1859, some Chinamen were hung for killing a ditch tender near Jackson Gate. If the gallows had been made of lignum vita it would have rotted down ere this. Uz. French, who killed Pete Wells at Oleta 24 or 25 years ago, was afraid of Amador, and got a change of venue to San Joaquin. The mistake cost him his life, for he was found guilty there, and was hung. This state of affairs is mostly attributable to the able criminal lawyers that Amador has had. Among the most conspicuous was S. B. Axtell, James F. Farley and a lot more.

When Dr. Stone killed Bell in the lobby chamber of the capital in the early 60's, S. B. Axtell, then of this county, received the sum of \$500 for simply selecting and impelling the jury to try the case. Dr. Stone was cleft by Axtell's action in the case, although he (Axtell) acted no further in the case than merely to select the jury. On thinking once more of Axtell, I see a smooth shaven faced, wiry little man, spare in build, quick in motion and speech, with a piercing black eye looking out under dark comely eyelashes, with the keenness of a hawk. His speech, plain, forcible and logical, and his burst of eloquence, was certain to arouse the lethargic indifference of his hearers and quicken them into burst of vociferous applause. Many times he would tone his voice to a low melodious strain till it dropped almost to that of a whisper. Then, as if impelled by some terrific force within, would thunder invectives against undue evidence and make the very court room ring with rounds of applause. Once he was defending a criminal with R. M. Briggs as his opponent. Briggs was district attorney, and he was making one of his laborious pleas for which he was noted. It was a night session, and the jury was tired, and some were nodding in a momentary slumber. The judge was looking vacantly down at the stand before him and seemed ill at ease in listening to the dry logic of the attorney. Axtell nervously twitched in his seat, and moved about uneasily as if worried at the dryness of his opponent's plea. When finally Briggs was through, Axtell sprang to his feet like a cat, and said in a smooth, modulated silvery tone: "May it please the court, gentlemen of the jury, the accomplished district attorney's plea reminds me of the fery logic of an 'old negro preacher that it was my fortune to hear preach a sermon a long time ago. It was summer time and one of those star bedecked nights that is characteristic of a summer night near Oberlin, Ohio. The old negro therefore from choice, preached out in open air. The congregation was an intermixture of blacks and whites, and the black divine broke out with all the rural eloquence he could command. "Bredren, he said, "de good Lord am wid us in all his glory. See de sta's twinklin' in de hebens. We ought ter gib tanks to de Lo'De fur all dis beauty roun' us." Then suddenly, raising his hand aloft and looking at the broad rimmed moon peering over the tree tops, exclaimed with negro enthusiasm, "Ain't dis er gloris night ter kill skunks." The jury aroused from the lethargy in which Brigg's plea had brought them and roared with laughter. The judge turned his face to the wall to hide his levity. Axtell had the jury with him from then to a finish and easily won his case.

Mrs Isaac McClary died at her residence in Oleta Tuesday morning last. Her maiden name was Jane Moody, and she was born in Dearborn, Michigan, in 1834. While yet in her teens she married Isaac McClary and shortly afterwards came with her husband to the gold fields of California settling in Fiddletown in 1853. A half century, with its long, tedious spinning of time, found husband and wife faithfully and lovingly at their post. Only one interval broke the chain of their residence in Fiddletown, when Mr McClary conceived the idea of going to New Mexico to engage in sheep raising, the venture of which proved disastrous financially. When he returned with his family once more to Fiddletown, where he re-engaged in blacksmithing, which he kept up until old age of recent years caused the two old people to settle down in quietude and ease in the declining years of their existence. It is not an innovation to state in this article that the old man himself has passed his four score and two. The two are linked in the inevitable chain of fortune that held them so long in the old mining camp of Fiddletown, now Oleta. They were

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pioneers that saw, in the glow of youth, the state in primitive wilderness, and in old age saw it spring like a leviathan bursting out into every avenue of resources until it ranks among the greatest states of the union. Mrs McClary leaves two living children only, to survive her, Ira McClary of Oleta, and Mrs Joseph Connolly of San Francisco. Eight grand children survive her and five own children have passed to that home from whence no traveller returns.

Mr Joseph Connolly and his son, Emmet, came up from San Francisco to be in attendance at the funeral of Mrs McClary. Mr Connolly told me they waited a couple of hours at Galt, after arriving there from San Francisco for the Carbondale train to take them forward on their journey. After pulling out from the depot and getting several miles on their way the conductor received a telegram instructing him to return for six passengers that had been left by their own negligence at Galt. They accordingly pulled back for the six, four of them being Japs. Wonder if they didn't get scared at the thought of the boomerang that was thrown into San Francisco by President Roosevelt at the head of the school department a year ago, and wanted to prevent another crisis of diplomatic air that sprang out of the cause? For in this instance America reminded me of a monster giant shaking his fist at the pigmy of the Mikado and said as he backed away, "keep off me."

Giddy Dick.

PINE GROVE.

Dec. 11.—Copious rain fell in this locality on Monday and Tuesday, and the sun has appeared in all its splendor today, so that plowing may be indulged in all its phases.

Pine Grove was visited by a thunder storm on Friday night of last week, which was a terrific in its appeals with an occasional flash of brilliancy.

There have been several cases of sickness in our burg during the past week, but as far as I can learn all are convalescent.

E. C. Wooster went below for a load of grain last week, returning on Saturday. The recent high water caused by the heavy rains seems to have washed away the items of interest for this week.

Grizzly.

JACKSON VALLEY.

The farmers in the valley are all wearing smiles now that we have had a nice rain.

Miss Fleid Wright spent Saturday with Miss Annie Barris.

Mrs A. C. Miner and daughters, Velura and Vivienne, have gone to Fresno to spend a few days with Mrs Miner's sister of that place.

Mrs A. J. Russel of Clements, was visiting relatives in the valley Thursday and Friday.

Harry Prouty, who has been working in the valley for the past month, returned to his home at Galt yesterday. We are very sorry to see this young gentleman leave us.

Miss Lola Peary of Lone, spent Saturday and Sunday with Lucy Alford.

Miss Alice Diebold has been on the sick list for the past week.

L. S. Kennedy is now engaged in making a cement watering tank for the Kidd brothers.

Perry Alford of Lone, was a caller in the valley one day last week.

Laurence Downey is now engaged in breaking horses for E. J. Diebold. Joe Foster was a visitor in the valley Sunday.

After spending a month with her mother, Mrs E. D. Whipple returned to her home in Clements.

SUTTER CREEK.

John Benson went to San Francisco last week, in regard to the purchase of a new boiler for the Lone & Eastern Railroad Co.

Mr and Mrs George arrived from Globe, Arizona, Wednesday night, and will remain here indefinitely visiting

with the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs J. Higgins.

Mrs Elmer Tanner and Miss Julia Tanner, have returned from their trip to Sonora, Tuolumne county.

Mr Ellis of Buena Vista, with his cousin, Miss Ellis, drove to town Sunday morning and attended the Episcopal church.

J. J. Hancock has fully recovered from his attack of rheumatism, and for exercise he and his friend, D. Berta, footed it across the hills to Amador early Monday morning.

Mrs Chas. Smith while at the Kennedy Flat assisting at the bedside of her sister, Mrs Fancher, was taken very ill, and is now at home with Dr. Goodman in attendance.

S. J. Shealar has come down from the ranch, and will reside in town with his sons. Mr Shealar is very ill.

Excelsior Rebekah Lodge No. 63, I. O. O. F., elected officers this Wednesday as follows: Noble grand, Maud Rose; vice grand, Janette Lehmann, recording secretary, Elizabeth Jones; financial secretary, Belle C. Simmons, treasurer, Martha Smith; trustees, Grace Johnson, Amy Pharis, Emma Perkins. Clara Goldsworthy was presented by Elizabeth Jones in behalf of the order with a very pretty souvenir spoon. Miss Goldsworthy responded feelingly, as she is about to take her departure and hereafter reside in Sacramento.

Mrs Lathlean and daughter, Ida, are in Angels visiting her daughter, Mrs Wm. Kerr. Sutterite.

PLYMOUTH.

Dec. 11.—Quite a number of people in Plymouth are victims of colds, which seem to be an epidemic.

George Clark, son of Mr and Mrs G. L. Clark, is quite ill with typhoid fever, and is under the skillful care of Dr. W. A. Norman, as is also Harry Pritchard, being a sufferer of pneumonia. At last reports Mr Pritchard was improving.

Preparations are being made for a Christmas tree and entertainment to be given here Christmas eve.

At the last regular meeting of Plymouth Rebekah Lodge No. 56, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Alice Cooper, noble grand; Pauline Walton, vice grand; Laura G. Butler, recording secretary; Trevor Weston, financial secretary; Eleanor Easton, treasurer; Elizabeth Coster, trustee.

Misses Albina and Mae Levaggi, have returned from an extended trip in San Francisco.

Mr and Mrs Sherwood of Stockton, are guests of the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs Jabez Ninnis.

The Native Daughters of Forrest Parlor No. 86, elected for their officers the following: Dolores Potter, president; Jennie White, second vice president; Jennie Crain, third vice president; Clara Steiner, recording secretary; Laura Butler, financial secretary; Addie White, marshal; Lucy Clark, Jennie Crain and Etta Mae Herrill, trustees; Sadie Tippetts, inside sentinel; Amy Phillips, outside sentinel and organist.

An Observer.

OLETA.

Dec. 9.—Miss Mary Billalon's school was closed Friday for the winter.

Miss May Carr has gone to Placerville on a two weeks' visit.

We were greatly surprised the other day by the announcement of John Hightower's marriage. We all wish him a long and happy life.

Geo. Yager of Lone made Oleta a business call last week.

Grant Schroeder paid his old home a visit, the first in several months.

John Bagolini of Forest Home, is a visitor in and around Oleta at present.

Mrs Pigeon is slowly recovering from her severe spell of sickness.

We were grieved last week by the death of an old time friend, Geo. Barge, and an old and respected citizen of Oleta for many years, he being 75 years of age.

We also lost another old and estimable friend Mrs McClary, who was an old settler around Oleta.

Bad colds are raging through this part of the county as most every one is complaining. Pansy.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY.

Dec. 11.—Miss Dora Snable of Placerville, has recently been the guest of Mrs Susan Crain.

Clyde Ball is recovering from an attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

Mr and Mrs Laurence Burke and Miss Kate Bunker, were visitors in the valley last Sunday.

T. D. Davis of Plymouth, was a visitor at the Davis ranch on Sunday.

Robert Davis, who has been ill for several months, is slowly gaining in strength since the last operation.

The Aukum telephone line was put out of commission for a short time last week, the high winds having dislocated some of the poles and wires.

There was a good beginning of a seasonable rain last Friday, and more this week, but the ground is still rather too hard for plowing, so that the promise of additional rains suits the farmers' plans.

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One lasting result of the long dry spell has been the erection of an uncommon number of slightly out-buildings on many of the farms of the valley, as most of the owners took advantage of the unusual leisure to make many needed improvements around their homes, which are often neglected in the rush of the usual busy year. Shan.

Receipt books, location blanks, deeds mortgages, promissory notes, etc., for sale; also mining signals on cloth, graduation diplomas, at the Ledger office.

BORN.

GATSOVICH.—In Jackson, Nov. 7, 1907, to the wife of Blas Catsovich, a son.

DIED.

BRIGHT.—In Jackson, December 11, 1907, Samuel Wales Bright, a native of Massachusetts, aged 76 years, 6 months and 15 days.

SCAPPUZI.—In Jackson, December 8, 1907, Olive J. Scappuzi, a native of California, aged 16 years, 8 months and 17 days.

McCLARY.—In Oleta Dec. 10, 1907, Mrs Isaac McClary, a native of Michigan, aged 73 years.

BOYSON.—In Plymouth, Dec. 12, 1907, Mrs Thomas Boyson.

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Timber Land Act June 3, 1878—
Notice for Publication. 2149

United States Land Office, Sacramento, Calif., Dec. 4, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, John Carver, of Pine Grove, county of Amador, State (or Territory) of California, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 2149, for the purchase of the SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, of Section No. 22, in Township No. 8 N., Range No. 14 E., M. D. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the U. S. Commissioner for Amador county, at his office in Jackson, Calif., Monday, the 17th day of Feb., 1908.

He names as witnesses: L. W. Jones, Frank Primo, B. Henson and W. J. Davis all of Pine Grove, Calif. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 17th day of Feb., 1908.

JOHN F. ARMSTRONG, register. Not coal land. First publication Dec. 6, 1907.

Timber Land Act June 3, 1878—
Notice for Publication. 2074

United States Land Office, Sacramento, Calif., Dec. 4, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, John A. Lonzi, of Lone, county of Amador, State (or Territory) of California, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 2074, for the purchase of the Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 and SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec. 5, T. 7 N., R. 13 E., and SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, of Section No. 32, in Township No. 8 N., Range No. 13 E., M. D. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver at U. S. Land Office in Sacramento, Calif., on Tuesday, the 11th day of Feb., 1908.

He names as witnesses: T. Gebhart, C. Henderson and A. T. Tonzi of Lone, Calif., and Bert Martin of Amador City, Calif.

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Amador County Descriptive Article

Amador county comprises an area of 548 square miles. It lies on the western slope of Sierra Nevada mountains, and embraces within its territory all the diversity of valley, foothill, and high mountainous lands.

Climate.—The climate of the populous portions of the county is as genial and healthful as can be found anywhere in California. As climate is one of the most valuable assets of this favored state in attracting population, Amador stands second to no county in this regard. It should, and no doubt will in time, when its climatic advantages are more thoroughly understood and appreciated, become a health resort not only for those in less favored states, but for the residents of other parts of California. The temperature alone the central portion rarely falls below 30 degrees above zero in winter, and as rarely rises to 100 degrees in the summer. Snow seldom falls in the settled districts, and never remains on the ground for more than a few hours. Of course, in the high mountain regions of eastern Amador the snowfall is very heavy—which is characteristic of the entire Sierra Nevada range. The summer season is always accompanied with cool nights; permitting of sound, refreshing slumber. Fogs are rare, cyclones are unknown, thunderstorms are infrequent.

Gold Mining.—The county, although rich in other sources of wealth, comparatively untouched, is noted principally for her quartz mines. The deepest gold mines in America are located here. The Kennedy mine is now taking gold in liberal quantities from quartz extracted from a depth of over 2000 feet below the surface, with every indication that the pay-off extends to a much greater depth. Since the discovery of gold, the county has contributed fully \$100,000,000 to the world's supply of the precious metal. The mines are still yielding at the rate of about two million dollars annually. Nearly all of this wealth is produced by eight or ten mines operating on what is called the "mother lode," stretching clear across the county in a north-easterly direction a distance of twenty miles. The mines aggregate between 400 and 500 stamps, and furnish employment for over 1000 miners. This industry is still in its infancy. The unexplored territory, even along the main gold belt, is far in excess of the ground that has actually been worked or prospected. The county offers today one of the most inviting fields to be found anywhere in the world for the investment of capital in the fascinating business of gold mining, not alone along the mother lode, but also in the almost untouched mineralized country of the east belt, some ten or twelve miles from the main lode.

Besides gold, we have copper, deposits of pottery, coal, marble, slate, limestone, granite, and soapstone or talc—all undeveloped.

Agricultural Capabilities.—The agricultural possibilities equal, if not excel, the mineral riches. The valley lands will produce anything that can be grown in the most favored sections. In the foothill lands all kinds of deciduous fruits thrive; also all kinds of vegetable are raised where irrigation is practicable along the numerous water courses. Further up in the mountains, at an altitude of 2000 to 2500 feet, the soil is admirably adapted for apples and potatoes. A ready market for many times the quantity now raised of these commodities can be found in the various mining towns.

Wine-making and winemaking are important industries, both grapes and wine commanding a higher price than the product of the land.

Land is cheap compared with other California lands. Improved farms may be secured for one-fourth the price current in some places. Unimproved lands can be had from \$5 to \$10 per acre. It does not require a fortune to buy a small ranch. There is room for a large addition to our agricultural population. Vast tracts now devoted to cattle ranges might be made the homes of hundreds of prosperous farmers.

Amador has a population of less than 12,000. Three fourths of this is concentrated in a strip of three miles above and below the mineral belt.

Jackson, the county seat, has about 2500 inhabitants, and is an incorporated city of the sixth class. Other towns are Sutter Creek, Amador City, Drytown, Plymouth, Volcano, Pine Grove and Oleta. Ione City is the metropolis of the valley section, a thriving town of 1000 inhabitants.

The community is law-abiding. Educational facilities are excellent. A schoolhouse is within easy reach of nearly every family. There is one high school, located at Ione.

The assessment roll for 1907 is \$5,800,793, and the tax rate for both state and county purposes is \$2 on the \$100.

The Southern Pacific has a branch railroad running to Ione. From this point the Ione and Eastern railroad extends 14 miles further to the mining section.

The various religious denominations and fraternal organizations are well represented.

The power plant of the Standard Electric Co.—one of the largest in the world—is located four miles from Jackson.

Romance of a Geranium Leaf.

By MARY W. MOUNT.

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His friends declared that Herbert Wyndham would one day be recognized as a great artist. "Genius will out," they insisted, grieving secretly over the undisguisable poverty which clung to man and studio.

They were jubilant in this declaration when Miss Ruth Greville sat to him for a portrait. She was the first butterfly who had drifted from the gilded realms of society into the obscure studio in Herkimer street. With her came a breath of luxury from a world which had long become a stranger to Wyndham.

Her parents arranged with the artist for her sittings. Now and then all three turned and looked at her, settling between them the pose in which she was to be painted. The girl herself said little. She appeared sweetly anxious to have the portrait painted exactly as her parents pleased. Of personal vanity she seemed to have none. Wyndham stirred with keen pleasure as he noticed her appreciative scrutiny of his pictures. She evidently understood something of art. Wyndham saw behind the roses and lilies of her face in its frame of curling hair a mind to be explored. He was eager to begin the portrait.

When he did his hand was unsteady. To the excitement of a first profitable order of the kind he had longed for was added the excitement of painting a face whose kindling beauty baffled while it enchanted him.

Some unformed idea of delightful chats about art had lingered in his mind, to be brushed aside like a cobweb at her first sitting. She was cold, with a calm serenity which held him aloof as effectually as some impassable barrier. Nothing of haughtiness tinged her manner. It seemed merely not to



"WON'T YOU COME TO SEE ME?" SHE ASKED SIMPLY.

occur to her that any social intercourse could exist between an aristocrat of Elmwood avenue and a dweller in this small studio at the top of three flights of dingy stairs. Her very youth took off the sting of this insolence of wealth, she was so entirely unconscious of it.

Perhaps this impalpable barrier of reserve might have been brushed aside to some extent had Wyndham been less sensitive to it. He met her unresponsiveness with like reserve, her uncommunicativeness with silence. But as he painted in the lines of her graceful figure and the bloom of her face grew under his hand upon the canvas he was acutely conscious of every lovely contour and tint, madly rebellious that this girl, with her wide, intellectual brow and soft, sympathetic eyes, never vouchsafed him a single unnecessary word, never looked his way with an even momentary sympathy.

"Your hair baffles me!" he declared one day, laying down his brush. Something in his tone startled her. "Are artists always so intense?" she asked herself.

She raised her hand to the ripples of her pale brown hair, where golden lights shifted and changed with a warm glow as alluring as it was impossible to express. Her violet eyes widened.

"Shall I change my position?" she asked.

He rushed into an explanation of the difficulty of painting light in hair. She looked interested, but made no comment.

Wyndham saw what her observant eyes noted every makeshift in the studio. It hurt him to feel that she comprehended every particle of the poverty of his life. This hurt the more when, toward the last, he thought that he surprised a look of pity in her eyes.

He hardly expected her to tell him at parting that she meant to send all her friends to him to be painted because he did it so beautifully. But she did, and she kept her word. Wyndham's friends said that luck had come to him in a golden spoon.

To Wyndham, sitting alone in his studio poring over a delicate sketch of a beautiful girl with eyes of tenderest sympathy and golden lights in her curling hair, luck seemed to have departed. All that was left to those weeks of poignant emotion was this

secret sketch of a girl whose soft eyes looked into his with an expression which the living eyes had never worn, this and a leaf of rose geranium which she had dropped upon the floor. She had missed it when she left, for he saw her glance at her dress and then about her, as though seeking something. In a little memorandum book in an inside pocket he kept it, where he could peep at it whenever he jotted in a date or looked up a reference.

One day the glory of life seemed to flood his world again, for Ruth Greville came to his studio. A charity bazaar was to be held, and she had charge of the art table. She wanted a picture for it, and she thought he might contribute some little sketch. He promised more than that. He would superintend the erection of her stall and decorate it himself. She wondered at his enthusiasm. When he refused payment for the work she was embarrassed. This had not been what she intended. Nor did she realize till long afterward that a busy artist could not spend two days overseeing the erection and decoration of the most beautiful booth in the bazaar without some pecuniary loss.

She was charmed with his work and unbent to be gracious, although she had first cast a startled glance at the distinguished looking man in evening clothes who approached her when Wyndham became a purchaser at her stall.

Because he read her thought so well he made but a small purchase there, a trifle decorated by her own hands. She saw him spend freely at another booth.

After that Wyndham removed to a better studio. He would try to forget her, he told himself. He did not succeed. Every frou-frou of silken skirts upon his stairs made his heart pound expectantly. One day she came.

He hoped she had not noticed his pallor and nervousness when he welcomed her. He feared she had, for a sort of wondering interrogation flashed over her mobile features.

She wanted to have an engagement made for some work, she said.

His hands still trembled as he pulled out his little book and turned over its pages. From between them there fluttered a rose geranium leaf. A flood of crimson rushed to his forehead. His eyes of guilty consciousness betrayed all the story of his love to her glance of swift inquiry and comprehension. He saw that she recognized the leaf, but he could not conceal the tenderness with which he picked it up.

"It was such a pretty leaf—so wonderfully formed"—he stammered apologetically.

She looked at him bravely, a flush fading from her own cheeks, and explained her errand as though the incident of the leaf had meant nothing to her. But as he wrote down a date there suddenly rushed over her the remembrance of his faithfulness, his proud dignity in poverty, his modesty in hard won success.

She paused upon the threshold and held out her hand.

"Won't you come to see me?" she asked simply. Her eyes were filled with a light he had never seen in them before. In their depths he read surrender.

"Come soon," she added tremulously, withdrawing her hand, "for I have long wanted to say this."

Avoiding Direct Testimony.

The wealthy parishoner had with him his pastor, and miles of road were thrown into clouds of dust by the plunging automobile.

"Halt!" commanded the officer, but no more attention was given to him than to the flitting telephone poles. Over those poles, however, sped a message, and at the next crossroads a barrier was encountered and also another representative of the law.

"Not only did he break the speed law," complained the constable when the party had assembled in court, "but he also told me to go to the devil."

"You lie!" thundered the wealthy parishoner. "I never use such language."

"We must protect our officers from profanity," intoned the justice. Then, turning to the clergyman, "Perhaps this gentleman, who will not make a misstatement, will tell us whether or not the devil was mentioned in this controversy."

"Your honor," pleaded the clergyman, "I and my brethren refer to his Satanic majesty so frequently that any additional allusion to him would not impress itself upon me sufficiently to remember the incident."—New York Press.

Slightly Mixed.

An Australian traveling in Japan fell into a mixed company in which were an English girl and an American woman. He made himself agreeable to the American at the start, she relates in her account of "A Woman Alone in the Heart of Japan," by remembering that Americans are accustomed to ride over Niagara falls in tubs. Then he switched to the war of the Revolution.

"The whole thing was," he said, "that the colonies refused to send England troops to aid her in a foreign war, so the motherland resolved to subdue her naughty children."

"I guess you have confused it with the war in Africa," said the American.

"The Boer war has been so long drawn out you thought it was the same as the American Revolution."

The little English girl saw there was a misunderstanding somewhere.

"There was something about stamps in it," she suggested meekly, "that caused some of the trouble."

"Something about stamps cause a revolution?" demanded the Australian.

"Do you mean a stampede or merely postage stamps? Did the rage for collecting exist in those days?"

But no one enlightened him on this, and he was left to assort history to suit himself.

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Hit Him With the Text.

"On a visit to Scotland I went to the old United Presbyterian kirk at Sarnoch," said a clergyman, "and I heard a good story about a former minister. His name was the Rev. David Caw, and he was very diminutive, standing only about five feet two inches. He led to the altar a strapping, handsome lass some five or six inches taller than he, and her name was Grace Wilson."

"The Sunday after the wedding he got a neighboring minister to preach for him, so that he could sit with his bride on the first Sunday. The minister was a good deal of a wag, so Mr. Caw made him promise faithfully that he would not allude in his sermon to himself, his bride or the fact of the marriage. So he promised that in his sermon he would make no allusion of that kind whatever, but Mr. Caw nearly sank through the floor when the text was given out—Ephesians iii, 8, 'Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this Grace given.'"

Presence of Mind.

Seated reading in his private room the superintendent of a large prison heard a slight sound and, looking up, was confronted by a dangerous convict holding a long bar of iron. "Don't you move," he muttered. "I'm going to get away, even if I have to kill you!" "But," calmly rejoined the superintendent, "I thought it was tomorrow you were going." The man looked at him with stupid amazement. "Yes," said the official, "don't you know? A pardon came for you today in consideration of your good conduct. You can go now, I suppose, if you want to. You'd like to see the papers. They're in here, I believe." He opened a drawer as he spoke, and the next instant the convict was facing the muzzle of a revolver.

A Turkish Wag.

Among the many anecdotes related of the old Turkish joker Nasir Eddin Khodja is the following: Khodja went one evening to the well to draw water, and, looking down to the bottom, he saw the moon. Quickly he ran into his house and got a rope with a hook attached to the end of it. This he lowered into the well. The hook caught fast on a stone. Khodja pulled desperately, the hook gave way, and there was the joker, flat on his back, staring up into the sky. "Upon my soul," he exclaimed, perceiving the moon, "I have had a bad fall, but I have put the moon back in its place."

Made It Clear.

"I beg your pardon, waiter," said a traveler in a railway restaurant, "did you say that I had twenty minutes to wait or that it was twenty minutes to 8?"

"I said naythur," answered the attendant. "I said yez had twenty minutes to ate, an' that's all yez had. Yer train's gone now!"

Jays of Absence.

"Aren't you awfully lonesome without George?"

"I haven't time to be. I spend the mornings reading his letters and the afternoons answering them."—Brooklyn Life.

The Two Views.

"Say, pa, what's the difference between an optimist and a pessimist?"

"An optimist, Johnnie, thinks the times are ripe; a pessimist thinks they are rotten."—Harper's Weekly.

Optimist and Pessimist.

"How are the meals at your hotel?"

"Pretty good."

"That means pretty bad, eh?"—Exchange.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE IN BRIEF

In his message to the sixtieth congress, President Roosevelt refers several times to his messages of 1905 and 1906. He reiterates his attitude toward corporations, saying they have come to stay, as have labor unions, but he expresses the belief and hope they will be controlled.

Citing the work of two government commissions, he asserts they have raised the standard of labor in the national departments.

He again urges the necessity of the national government paying campaign expenses.

A National Gallery of Art is suggested.

Work of the biological survey is commended.

Improvement of foreign mail service is urged.

Need for a greater standing army is proclaimed.

Federal control of all commerce is recommended.

Additional legislation to control corporations is sought.

Need of more stringent criminal laws is seen.

Federal inspection of all accidents is favored.

Injunction in labor disputes is discussed, and the issue left with the courts.

Employers' liability act should pass congress, he asserts.

Pure food laws should be enforced.

Change in the currency laws suggested, with the belief expressed that immediate action is necessary.

Revenue system is found satisfactory.

Any change in tariff laws is opposed at this time.

Income and inheritance tax again are favored.

Closer relations between capital and labor is suggested.

Work of agricultural department is set forth and the necessity outlined.

Immediate waterway legislation is hoped for, and the belief expressed that the Mississippi project should receive attention first.

Need of extending eight hour law is urged.

Compulsory investigation of industrial disputes is recommended.

Natural resources of country should be preserved.

Reclamation of arid lands should be pushed and stricter laws governing public lands are suggested.

Leasing of government mineral lands is favored.

Work on Panama Canal is moving along satisfactorily, he says.

Postal savings bank system is endorsed.

Successful future for Oklahoma is assured.

Additional appropriation for Alaska is urged.

Improvement of Hawaiian harbor is suggested.

Special report on Philippines to be made by Taft.

Citizenship for Port Ricans again urged.

Bureau of Mines is recommended.

Care for home of Andrew Jackson is urged.

Naval monument for Vicksburg National Park suggested.

Plans for taking thirteenth census

should be made now.

Bureau of public health should be bettered, he says.

Removal of tariff on wood pulp suggested.

More battle ships for navy recommended, in view of failure of The Hague conference to act on limitation of armaments.

Withdrawal from Cuba hoped for during 1908.

Aid for Japan in coming exposition urged.

German tariff situation reviewed and announcement made of temporary agreement.

Power asked in making agreement with China.

Encourage coming of Chinese students to this country, the plea.

Relations with Mexico and work of American Bureau of Republics found to be satisfactory.

Land and Mineral Decisions.

Reported by Woodford D. Harlan, Land Attorney, Washington, D. C.

Mineral—Practice.—The burden of proof is properly upon one alleging the mineral character of a tract that has, prior thereto, been adjudged agricultural.

Mining Claim—Practice.—When special agent reports non-compliance with the law, whilst the proof shows such compliance, hearing should be ordered and special agent directed to produce his evidence.

Homestead—Townsite.—A homestead entry made with intent to use the land, or part thereof, for township purposes renders the entry invalid in its entirety.

Practice.—The granting of an oral argument at any time is entirely in the discretion of the secretary of the Interior, and after final judgment has been rendered in a case, it will not be granted except upon the grounds which warrant a motion for review.

Residence—Residence of a married man held to be where his family resides, in the absence of proof to the contrary. The validity of a settler's residence is not affected by the fact that his wife refuses to live on the land.

Coal.—An entry allowed on defective declaratory statement and irregular proof may be equitably confirmed in the absence of any adverse claim, where a proper declaratory statement is subsequently filed and the requisite additional proof furnished.

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SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY

Reported weekly for the Ledger.

Science on Mont Blanc.—How Plants Are Improving.—Steel "Diamonds" for Drilling.—New Marvels of Bacteria.—The World's Patents.—Germany's Backward Children.—The New Camphor.—Star-Dust Clouds.—Quartz Lamps.

A unique monument to a French astronomer's daring ingenuity is that crowning the summit of Mont Blanc, at a height of 15,780 feet. The observatory of Prof. Janssen, finished in 1893, is a two-story truncated pyramid, with a base measuring 11 by 5½ yards and double walls of wood and canvas, and the structure—weighing 50 tons—has no foundation, except the permanent snowcap of the mountain; which is at least 13 yards thick. To guard against settling a rigid sub-base was provided with jackscrews for leveling. The latest inspection has shown a slight movement of the building, with practically no settling, and the success of the remarkable experiment has put to shame the prophets of disaster. The observatory is visited only at intervals of many months. It has a fine telescope, with a two-foot mirror, for astronomical work, and a registering meteorograph automatically records the barometric pressure, temperature, humidity, and velocity and direction of the wind for periods of eight or nine months at a time. A meteorograph to give a continuous record for a much longer time is now being worked out.

As an illustration of how chemistry is aiding plant improvement, Prof. H. A. Webber cites the production of beet sugar, which has grown from a hopeless beginning into one of the world's chief industries. For one ton of sugar, 18 tons of beets were required in 1836, but roots have been so developed by selection and analyses that only 7½ tons were necessary in 1894, and even less will suffice now. Of the 13,000,000 tons of sugar produced in the world in 1905, beets supplied 7,000,000 tons.

Steel shot so hard as to take the place of diamonds for some kind of drilling are made by spraying molten steel into cold water, chilling it instantly.

When a glass cylinder of pond water with a wisp of pressed hay at the bottom is placed in sunshine for a few weeks, a reddish-violet deposit begins at the bottom and slowly extends upward. This deposit is made up of purple bacteria, which grow best when a film of oil on the water keeps out air, and are specially remarkable for requiring much light and little oxygen. In a recent study of both moving and inert organisms of this kind, Prof. H. Molisch has found that if a colony of an active species is placed on a microscope slide in strong light, the bacteria scatter in all directions when the observer places on the center of the slide a single alga—about 1-5000 of an inch in diameter—from the green deposit on trees. Brought into the shade, the bacteria fill the center of the slide within half a minute. The repulsion is due to exhalation of an infinitesimal amount of oxygen by the alga in sunlight and serves as an extremely delicate test for a traces of oxygen far too minute for chemical detection. The sensitiveness to light as well as oxygen is marvelous. Corkscrew-shaped bacteria brought under a magnifying power of 300 diameters are seen to rotate and dart to and fro in strong light, but cutting off the illumination for a fraction of a second causes a frantic and astonishing reversal of motion.

The total number of patents taken out in the world since the beginning of patent laws is found by A. Fitch, from French statistics, to reach 2,500,000, of which 2,200,000 have been granted in the last fifty years. The government fees have amounted to \$146,000,000, of which the United States has received \$56,000,000; but publication, legal study, etc., bring the cost up to at least \$1,000,000,000. Unsuccessful inventions have probably brought a loss of \$2,500,000,000. Losses from infringement suits, promoters, etc., are estimated to have reached \$15,000,000,000 in sixty years, and 90 per cent of patentees have reaped little profit.

Special schools for backward pupils now exist in 116 German cities. Berlin has 31 of the 203 schools, and the total number of pupils enrolled is not less than 13,100.

Synthetic camphor, the production of which has been a problem among chemists for many years, seems to be at last a commercial product, but the high price of turpentine oil may prevent it from coming quickly into use. At least four processes have been de-

vised for making this product from pinene, which forms seventy per cent of turpentine oil. By chemical treatment and oxidation, the pinene is given the chemical structure and chemical properties of the natural camphor, but with different reaction in polarized light and somewhat less fragrance. About ninety per cent of the world's camphor is used for making celluloid, for which the synthetic material is claimed to be perfectly suitable.

The visible trails left by meteors as they shoot across the sky have been investigated by Prof. C. C. Trowbridge, who concludes that they are clouds of self-luminous gas combined with very minute particles of meteoric dust. As these trains are usually sent heights of 50 to 60 miles—seldom or never above 65 or below 45 miles.—it appears that their formation must depend upon encountering a certain degree of atmospheric density or pressure. The trains are often visible for ten to twenty minutes, and usually contain a volume of several cubic miles.

The Cooper-Hewitt mercury vapor lamp is a large glass tube in which the vapor is made to glow by the passage of electric current. An important improvement is claimed by D. Kuch in the use of tubes of quartz, which can be made much smaller, give increased efficiency by permitting higher temperature, and after a time yield a yellower or whiter light in place of the objectionable green. For 110 volts the glass tubes are about 40 inches long and 1½ inches in diameter, but a quartz lamp of the same voltage requires a tube not more than 3¼ inches long and about half an inch in diameter.

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Dissolution of Copartnership

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between John Garbarini and Loreazo J. Arata in the plumbing business at Jackson, Amador county, Cal., under the firm name of Garbarini & Arata, has been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will hereafter be conducted by John Garbarini, who will be responsible for all bills against said firm, and to whom all debts due the firm are payable.

Jackson, Nov. 20, 1907.

LORENZO J. ARATA.

JOHN S. GARBARINI.

To Whom-It May Concern:—

Office of W. H. Greenhalgh, Superintendent of Schools, Amador county, Jackson, Cal. Nov. 25th, 1907.

The Board of Education of Amador county, will meet at 10 o'clock, a. m. on Saturday, December 14th, in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, for the purpose of making out and adopting questions to be submitted to the applicants for teachers certificates.

The examination will begin at 9 o'clock, a. m. on Monday, December 16th, and continue until completed.

On December 21st the Board will renew certificates, grant recommendations for State Educational Documents, adopt supplementary and Library books, consider excuses presented by absentees from the teachers' Institute held in Sacramento, Oct. 22, 23, 24, 25th, and act upon other matters as may come before the Board.

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Local Editorial Page.

GRAND JURY WORK.

The grand jury of Amador county was impanelled yesterday, and concluded its labors the same day. There is a strong feeling abroad that it is high time for this body to make a thorough and exhaustive examination of the financial affairs of the county; that the session will be something more than the perfunctory affair that the people have been accustomed to for so many years. The grand jury is a useless appendage to our governmental system unless it acts the part of guardian over the financial interests, and probes into the official acts of those who have been elected to look after county matters. There is no other official body directly charged with this vitally important duty, and failure in this respect serves to deepen the impression in the public mind that the annual meeting of this body is more of a farce than anything else. The truth is, every official body becomes a farce—or something worse than a farce, an actual peril—if its work be left undone. The grand jury is the saving clause injected into our system to exert a wholesome influence over the entire machinery of local government, by indicting wrongdoers in officialdom, and placing the seal of condemnation upon extravagance and dereliction of duty in all its manifold forms. From this standpoint the expense that it entails even by a thorough-paced session, is not worthy of comparison with the good that would be accomplished by faithful service. We believe there never has been a time when a general shaking up of county affairs was more in order than now. Further, the people are practically a unit in demanding that a move in this direction be made, free from partisanship and governed by disinterested motives. And from one end of the county to the other the inquiry is being made: "Will it be done?"

Though the columns of the Ledger there has been pointed out from time to time some things that savor very strongly of misgovernment—to use a mild term. They might with advantage be made the subject of investigation, which might lead the way to other matters that require probing and concerning which, perhaps nothing has come to light. The members of the grand jury could hardly be expected to carry on such an examination alone; probably few of their number are qualified for the task, and that is saying nothing in derogation of their competency as grand jurors. It takes something more than an expert accountant to do the work as it should be done. Indeed, to compare the receipts and expenses and to ascertain that the sums received and paid out and on hand balance, is not the most important part of the work. No one would expect that any grave discrepancies would be unearthed as the outcome of such financial experting. As a rule, the slight clerical errors or oversights which are usually brought to light by the up-to-date accountant, and the long-drawn-out report in which they are set forth, are not not worth the money expended in their elaborate unravelment. But it by no means follows that because the books of account are fairly accurate, that therefore the local government as a whole is without blemish. It requires a man posted in the law, and not a mere figurer, to dive into the by-paths of county management and adequately size up the situation. What is wanted at this time is an investigation into the bills allowed, to see whether they conform to established rates or not; to look into the peculiar manner of fixing up proposals for bids for supplies which have prevailed for many years; of the failure to call for bids at all where the law provides that a contract for certain supplies must be made with the lowest bidder; of the consequent allowance of claims in open defiance of law; of the ringing in of salary claims month after month and year after year, when the law provides that the same should be per diem charges at so much for eight hours work and properly itemized; the mode of procedure in road work and the payment of claims therefor; the absence of any local law providing for the keeping of a proper record book relating to one of the most important branches of county revenue, and how a wholesome provision on the subject came to be wiped from the ordinance. We venture to say that these and doubtless other topics might furnish a chapter of much interest to those who have borne, and are still bearing the financial burden of government on an apparently endless scale of progression. Oh, no; the grand jury is anything but a fifth-wheel-to-a-wagon affair.

District attorney Langdon, and his voluble assistant Francis J. Heney would appear to much better advantage in their efforts to purify San Francisco if they would attend strictly to their official duties, instead of lecturing all over the country trying to prejudice the public mind against the graft defendants. A blabbing district attorney, denouncing a defendant from the rostrum, is hardly in accord with the American idea of fair play. Civic righteousness is greatly to be desired, official righteousness is equally desirable. A public prosecutor endeavoring to create a prejudice outside against one awaiting trial, advertises himself in the role of a persecutor.

The republican national committee has selected June 16th as the time for holding the national convention, and Chicago as the place. That Chicago won easily against Kansas City is interpreted by some as a set-back to the administration forces, but it is improbable if any issue was joined on that score. President Roosevelt has again announced that under no circumstances will he be a candidate.

California's Gold Production.

According to a bulletin just issued by state mineralogist L. Aubrey, the ranking gold producing counties for the year 1906 stand as follows:

Butte county, \$3,016,747; Nevada, \$2,658,420; Amador, \$2,260,376; Calaveras, \$1,644,234; Tuolumne, \$1,039,675; Sacramento, \$986,624; Shasta, \$819,144; Kern, \$806,117; Trinity, \$560,843; El Dorado, \$431,746; Sierra, \$409,336. Siskiyou's output of gold, which is always heavy is not shown, being buried in the indefinite quantity called unapportioned.

From this Amador makes a better showing than for many years, standing third in the list. Butte for the first time in many years, goes to the top of the list, her yield of the precious metal being principally from dredgers gravel mining.

Unclaimed Letters.

Joseph Augustine (2), Frank Binda, G. Antongiavanni, Kosto Biskup, Barbieri, Nicolla, W. Coset, A. B. Dorman, A. A. Green, Marko Sofronoc, Vule Maric, Gjoke L. Parezanin, H. M. Rosenbaum, Domenico Linetti, Felindo Toma, Zani Lazzaro (paper).

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An incident occurred on the Amador branch railroad between Galt and Lone last week, that has been variously interpreted, and which it is not out of place to explain. The up train on Wednesday started on its trip to Lone, and on reaching Conley, the first station from Galt, and fully seven miles out, was halted and on receipt of a dispatch went all the way back to Galt for half a dozen passengers that had been left at the terminus there. Three passengers happened to be Japanese, who were bound for Lone. The idea got abroad somehow that the fourteen or fifteen mile extra trip was made in deference to these Japs, and that it was another case of America bowing before the little brown men of the Orient. But it was nothing of the sort. The return trip was not made in consideration of them particularly. The truth is, the train pulled out of Galt without stopping at the passenger waiting room, as is required to be done. The six passengers were left behind in that way. One of the passengers was a brother of one of the victims of the Fremont mine disaster, who had come all the way from Utah and wanted to reach the scene of the accident as soon as possible. Another passenger was a lady, who was on her way to Oleta to attend the funeral of her mother. Now when they found themselves left at Galt, without as they claimed any fault of their own, they said they would report the matter to the headquarters of the railroad, unless the matter was set right. To straighten the affair out, the conductor, on reaching Conley, concluded to travel back to the starting point, and pick up the six passengers who had come on the west bound train from Sacramento, and were waiting for the lone train to take them aboard. That is all there is to it. It is not another example of falling before the Oriental race.

Hotel Arrivals

Globe.—Friday. M Hammer, E S Marchant, Ione; S Caseas, Defender. Saturday—A A Suy, San Francisco; Geo C Troyan, Sacramento; H M Milburn; H B Rege, Electra.

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Tuesday—Miss Mabel Moore, E Jones, Sacramento; Y H Hendrick, O Gilez, J H Moore, G F Dornan, Sacramento; John Ronold, Grass Valley.

National.—Thursday. Chas G Gall, Stockton; H G Smith, D S Walker, Bert Gunzberger, C O DeLaud, Chicago; E E Whaley, W H Wood, Percy Kenyon, F Grossi, Hirman Penry, San Francisco; Allen Portious, Mary Gabriel, Chas Haybery; John Hulbart, Angels.

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Sunday—Robert G Head; J McKean, Stockton; H Hausmann.

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A great many hearsay reports have been current in Plymouth as to the cause of her illness. It seems that they had a quarrel about the tenth of October and the next day she appeared on the streets with a very swollen and discolored eye. She is reported as saying to a neighbor that he had struck her. Besides this there are many other rumors afloat.

Dr. Boyson being an eye specialist treated his wife until she became so ill, when he called in Dr. Norman, a practicing physician of Plymouth. When sheriff Gregory and district attorney Vicini spoke to him of the charge that had been made by some of the people of that town, both doctors insisted that they call in the county physician, which was done. This was a week ago Monday. But doctor Endicott could plainly see that it was cerebral meningitis, but it was not for him to say what the cause was not for him, for this comes from various reasons. Yesterday afternoon an inquest was held, but it was not thought necessary to hold an autopsy. Testimony was taken in the afternoon, and an evening session was held, while they came together again this morning, the jury bringing in a verdict about noon of death from causes unknown. Seven or eight witnesses were called.

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